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STATUS OF CURRENT SYSTEM USE AGREEMENTS

The list of current system use agreements annexed to this document includes the SUA which have been active from May 2005 until May 2007 even if they are now expired or being renewed as well as the SUA which have been valid during the same period of time even if they were not already or no more active. Note that active means that at least one platform operated under this SUA has transmitted at least once over the period.

As usual, the user's requirements are given in the last columns of the table with the following abbreviations:

•	PC	Polar coverage
•	GC	Global coverage
•	LA	Location Accuracy
•	TT	Throughput time
•	TP	Transmitter power

TSW Transmitter size and weightSCR Service continuity and reliability

C Compatibility
SA System access
TE Test and evaluation
CE Cost efficiency

In May 2007, the number of current agreements is **1388** and has increased since last year (1184) by 17%. These agreements are signed by users from **88** countries, (82 last year). The number of id numbers allocated to programs operated under these SUAs decreased from 47961 to **42325** (-12%) thanks to the recycling of unused id numbers.

The number of SUA approved since May 2006 was 475, i.e. 34% of the total number of current SUAs. There were 194 approved initial agreements and 281 renewed agreements including the "a priori" approved SUAs. The breakdown of current agreements, and platforms by applications is given in table 1 and shown in the following graphs. On avarage, there are 30 id numbers allocated per agreement.

The breakdown of agreements by applications, i.e. Oceanography, Wildlife, Earth sciences, Fishing, and Sensitive use remains also approximately the same as last year.

Wildlife continues to increase from 55.6 % to 56.4 % while Oceanography slightly decreased from 28.4 % to 26.7 %.

The breakdown of agreements by categories, i.e. Environmental (E) or Non-Environmental (NE), Governmental / Non-profit (G) or Non-Governmental (NG), with Government Interest (GI), or with a potential risk of Loss of Life (LL), or Tests (T) remains approximately the same : 89.2% (-1%) of the agreements are Environmental / Governmental or Non profit, 5.6% (+0.4%) are Environmental / Non Governmental with Government Interest, while 1.4% (-0.4%) are Non Environmental / Governmental and 2.2% (+1%) are Non Environmental with a potential risk of Loss of Life. The Test category represents 1.5% of the agreements.

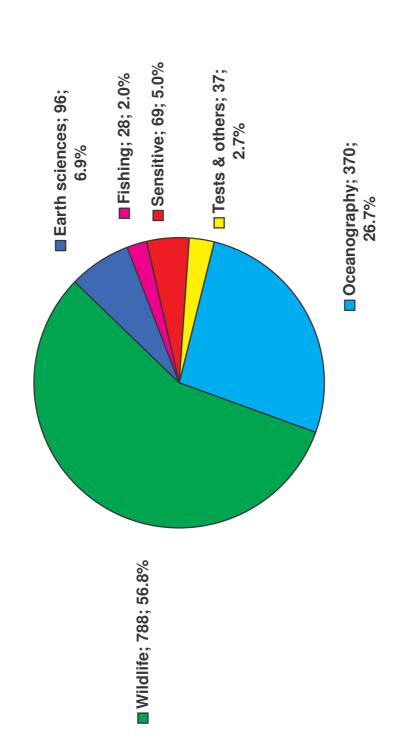
The breakdown of Id numbers by applications shows that Oceanography represents 33.9% (-6.7%) of allocated Ids and Wildlife 34.8% (+6.2%) while Earth sciences represents only 4.2% (+0.9%). Fishing represents 13% and Sensitive and episodic use 12.5% The "test and others" application represent 1.6% and it includes all the id numbers being recycled from programs which are terminated. Note that allocated id numbers do not mean active platforms: only one id number out of 3 is actually active.

Table 1: Current system use agreements, and allocated ID numbers

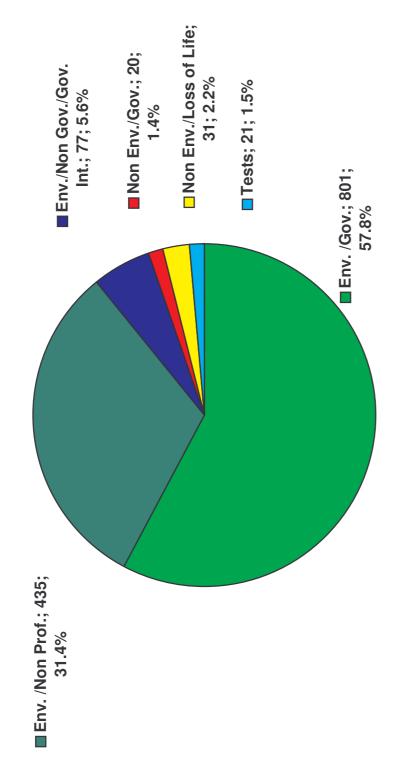
Agreements	Oceanography	Wildlife	Earth sciences	Fishing	Sensitive Tests	& others	Total
Initial	121	408	38	16	23	7	613
Renewal	548	380	28	12	46	30	775
Total	028	788	96	28	69	37	1388
%	%2'92	26.8%	%6.9	2.0%	2.0%	2.7%	100%

Id numbers	Oceanography	Wildlife Earth	Earth sciences	Fishing	Fishing Sensitive Tests &	Tests & others	Total
Initial	1382	3460	375	999	1667	16	7466
Renewal	12955	11257	2873	122	6974	678	34859
Total	14337	14717	3248	889	8641	694	42325
%	33.9%	34.8%	%2'.	1.6%	20.4%	1.6%	100%

SUAs by applications - May 2007



SUAs by categories - May 2007



IDs by applications - May 2007

